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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I believe strongly that competition among internet service providers is crucial for consumers to keep affordable and reliable access to the internet. I have personally chosen to use a small local company that has recently upgraded to fiber optic technology, revolutionizing the speed of service while keeping costs low for my household. Local competitive providers prevent monopolies and inhibit the abuse of power that otherwise will plague the telecommunications industry.

Please do not stifle broadband competition, and do not allow huge corporations like AT&T and Comcast to have complete control of the industry.

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